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DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—On the 15th inst. I addressed the following letter to Brethren Lomax, Miller and Neffinger; the first, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; the two last, members of the Newspaper Committee appointed by said Convention to look after the "Baptist" newspaper service for the Baptists of Mississippi:

MERIDIAN, Miss., Sept. 14, 1896. ELD. A. A. LOMAX, D. D.

Dear Brother:—Is it your understanding that the relation of THE BAPTIST RECORD, as the organ of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was declared severed by the late meeting of the same at Starkville? Please answer by return mail.

Fraternally, J. R. FARISH. N. B.—Will you give me permission to use your reply in the newspapers if I think best?

J. R. F.

DR. LOMAX'S REPLY.

BATESVILLE, Miss., Sept. 17, 1896.

DEAR BRO. FARISH:—Yours to hand, and I hasten to reply. I did not understand it. Such a thought did not enter my mind. Query 2nd. Certainly you can use my name and publish the foregoing statement if you wish.

Fraternally, ALEX. A. LOMAX.

DR. NEFFINGER'S REPLY.

PALMETTO HOME, Miss., Sept. 21.

DEAR BRO. FARISH:—Yours of the 14th was forwarded to me here, asking if I understood the Convention at Starkville to declare THE RECORD as its organ, severed. I did not so understand. A motion to that effect was made by Bro. J. H. Whitfield, but it was not seconded, and hence not put.

Yours Fraternally, M. V. NOFFINGER.

P. S.—You are at liberty to publish my reply if you wish to.

M. V. N.

I would here say that Bro. J. H. Whitfield is a very dear and warm friend of THE RECORD, and that he had no idea that his motion, if seconded, would prevail. Indeed, I have no idea that he would have voted for it himself. Would you, Bro. Whitfield?

God bless THE BAPTIST RECORD, the grand old organ of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Long may it live, flourish, prosper, and fertilize the hands on the Lord's plantation in Mississippi, and say good things about them, as it has been doing for the last twenty years and more. Dear brethren, let us all in the future do more than ever for this old paper. Let us talk it up, pray it up, pay it up, and read it up. Fraternally,

J. R. FARISH. N. B.—To my certain knowledge Dr. A. J. Miller looks at the matter as do Drs. Lomax and Neffinger.

Will the Magnolia Gazette please copy? J. R. F.

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rooms and the kitchen, and we need the money to repay the bank.

We need provisions also for the eight who are in the new cottage, and for others in the Nelson Cottage; need flour, meat, lard, sugar, etc.—something for them to cook and eat. Please send us some provisions now, and some every month till the session closes. Also we need at least \$40 to buy coal for the eight rooms in the two cottages for the winter. It will require about ten tons, and can be bought much cheaper now than later on. Also, some ministerial students who board elsewhere will need help to get them through the session, and we have none to give them. Already one says he will have to leave for want of sufficient help.

Please, friends, see that the work is looked after at the Association, at the churches, and at V. M. Societies. It is Christ's work, and it is our work; then let us all help when and where we can. Send to

Geo. Whitfield, Secretary, Clinton, Miss.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

Regarding the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of Mississippi.

As is generally known, the Central Committee of Mississippi is appointed each year by the Convention Board at the regular meeting of the State Convention. As soon thereafter as was practical, the secretary called a meeting of the committee, and in that meeting various plans and methods were discussed. It is the purpose of this paper to make some suggestions to the societies along the lines of work formerly followed, as well as to encourage them to undertake still greater things for the Master. The aim of the Central Committee is an ideal one, namely: A woman's Missionary Society in every Baptist church in Mississippi, and every woman in the church a member of the society. In order to accomplish this, those who have already labored and prayed for so many years, must continue with renewed zeal and those who have done nothing must be aroused to their duty, and enlisted in mission work. It is the policy of the Central Committee to keep the work of the societies within the churches, as auxiliary to the churches. Woman's work is only a part of church work. Therefore we desire and ask the hearty cooperation and advice of every pastor.

The best friend the Woman's Missionary Society can have is the pastor, and in turn, one of the greatest helps to the pastor is the united band of women who should be ready to follow him in all lines of denominational work. So my dear sisters, beg your pastor to meet with you to counsel you, to help you, to direct you as often as he can.

The Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention are expecting great things of the women this year. As the demands increase, the workers must also increase. There are many idle hands, who would be so willing to work, if they knew how to do it. Perhaps it is your duty to tell them and thus enlist them. The objects for which we labor, are as heretofore, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, College Improvements, Sustentation and the needs at home. At the convention in Chattanooga, the appointment for Mississippi women, for Foreign Missions was \$1200, for Home Missions \$800. In addition to this, Dr. Ticehorner asks that we remember the Frontier missionaries, by sending them boxes of clothing. This work has so increased as to greatly encourage the hearts of those who have received them. For our own state work there is no limit set. We urge for State Missions, all that the societies can possibly raise. Help is also needed for the ministerial students, both at the Seminary in Louisville and in our own Mississippi College. Boxes of provisions are needed by these students at the college, and should be sent to Rev. Geo. Whitfield, Clinton, Miss., who will receive and wisely distribute them. In every association there is a committee on sustentation of aged ministers for the purpose of raising money for their support. To these, also the societies are asked to give. At the meeting in Chattanooga the Sunbeam work, so long led by Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, was turned over to the Woman's Missionary Union, with the request that they continue the work. The Central Committee hope that there will be fifty new Sunbeam Societies formed in Mississippi this year, among the young people. The young people of to-day are to be the grown-up people of the churches a few years hence. How are they to be trained? This lies with the pastors and with you, who want to see the children grow up well developed spiritually as well as physically. These are the suggestions. Can we carry them out? By God's help, and by united efforts, we may hope to do much towards our ideal. The Central Committee is ready to help all who ask their aid. It is impossible for them to know the individual needs of the societies unless they are informed. Please let us know what you are doing, and if

we may count on every Baptist woman in Mississippi to help us, Mrs. Mary B. Allen, of Clinton, Miss., will be glad to send you literature, and help for organizing. She also begs you to send her reports of societies.

Hoping for greater things than we have yet accomplished, we beg you to remember the Apostle's injunction, "And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap [it], we faint not."

Very truly,

Mrs. J. K. Pace, Pres. Cen. Com.

Hazlehurst, Miss.

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"It is a valuable contribution towards a history of the Baptists of that State, and Mississippi may well be proud of her sons. Among the sketches are those of J. B. Gambrell, Geo. B. Allen, J. H. Taylor, J. J. Johnson, B. Carroll, W. D. Powell, William Cary, Crane, and many others whose names are familiar in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention."—Evangelist (Baltimore).

"Mississippi certainly has reason to be proud of the Baptist preachers she has. Glancing over names as Lewis H. W. Battle, W. P. Bond, J. W. Bozeman, M. E. Broadhead, William C. Buck, H. C. Burleson, D. E. Burns, A. C. Caperton, B. Carroll, J. G. Chastain, J. H. Crane, and William Cary Crane. The author deserves the thanks of the denomination for the material he has so faithfully gathered, and for the interesting manner in which it is presented to the public."—Western Recorder.

"Bro. Foster has done good work in this book, recording in the lives of the preachers very much of the history of the denomination in this State. Such work needs to be done in all our States, that we may not lose, for all time, the work of our fathers."—Baptist Teacher (Nashville).

"The author has been at infinite pains to search out and record the history of the men who have done so much to build Mississippi Baptists in the front ranks of the country, and he has used his material with great good sense and judgment. The biographies are arranged alphabetically. We hope to hear that the book has had a wide circulation, and prove remunerative to the author."—Journal and Messenger.

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"The Baptist pastor who has been able to issue a volume containing biographical sketches of 450 ministers, 85 portraits, 750 pages, in the State of Mississippi with portraits of 85 of them, deserves to be rewarded by a large sale for the book he has produced. We hope his brethren will see that this is the case."—Sword and Trowel (London), Spurgeon's Magazine.

DIED

At his home in Toombs, Miss., at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, on August 15, Dr. J. G. Knox, one of Lauderdale county's oldest citizens and physicians passed away; and after an impressive funeral service at 11 o'clock Sunday, by Rev. Mr. Campbell, he was laid to rest with Masonic honors. He was the son of James and Elizabeth Knox, and was born in Greene county, Ala., March 1, 1825; aged 71 years, 6 months and 14 days.

He leaves a devoted wife, nine children, an only brother, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. But we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we know that our loss is his gain. He was a devoted husband, a kind and loving father, and, above all, a true, pious Christian.

He was married in 1860 to Miss Cornelia W. Stephens. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, always having the glory of God and the best interest of the



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church at heart. He was a close Bible student, and a great lover and a zealous worker in the Sunday School, having been for years a teacher of the Bible class. He was known for his truth and his right, and was honored and esteemed by all lovers of truth and justice. He loved all that was pure and noble, and abhorred all that was mean and dishonest. His Godly life, his pure and spotless character, and noble example, will be an inspiration to his children throughout their lives.

He was truly a God-made man, having been left an orphan at the early age of two years by the death of his father; but being of an ambitious, energetic, disposition inspired by a noble Christian mother, he, by his own efforts and perseverance, became the useful man he made in coming years. At the age of twelve he moved with his mother to Green Hall, Miss., and there working on the farm during the summer, and attending school during the winter months, he grew to young manhood. And after having prepared for college in the schools of Green Hall, Sumterville, and Livingston, Ala., he entered the University of Mississippi, and graduated in 1854 with honor. He then taught school one year, but there was in his heart a desire to be more useful to his fellowman, and a yearning to relieve suffering humanity. So he again bid his aged mother farewell—this time to enter the Medical Department of the University of Virginia, where he attended his first course of lectures, afterwards graduating from the Tulane University, New Orleans, as an M. D.

He began upon his personal career at Alamogordo, Miss., where he remained two years. The eight following years were spent at Rushing Store, Miss., and Jefferson, Ala. He then located at Toombs, Miss., where he was engaged so successfully in the practice of his fatal illness. Few physicians have been more faithful, more zealous, or more charitable in their practice than he.

He realized from the first few days of his illness that he was going to die, and was perfectly resigned to God's will. During all his illness he never murmured, although his suffering must have been severe. And when he came to die, his loved ones around his bedside could hardly tell when the last breath left him—how peacefully fitting the sweet, peaceful close, when we think of his long, useful, well-spent life.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yes, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." To live the life he lived, to have the faith he had, and when the end comes, to be as ready and willing to go, and to have as sweet and peaceful a death, is the wish of

ONE WHO LOVED HIM

MEETING AT CARROLLTON, MISS.

We held a series of meetings with the Carrollton church, including the State Convention in August last, which resulted in five accessions to the church, and a general revival of religion among Christians. The meeting continued only eight days, but was very gracious in its effects upon the hearts of the people. Bro. J. K. Pace, of Hazlehurst, preached with great acceptance to all, and much profit. He won the hearts of my people, and pastor and people will be glad to see him in these parts. We thank God for his sojourn among us. M. V. N.

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